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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 21 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Middle East (S/1997/884 and S/1997/904)*

Other matters

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* To be followed by a formal meeting.

5 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Briefing by Ambassador Richard Butler, Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) (i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Other matters

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION (UNSCOM)

Emergency meeting

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1366th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Jamaica (A/52/233 and Add.1) [8].

10 a.m.	51st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/52/L.20/Rev.1) [34].

2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [38]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/513);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.28).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.28 (item 12) and A/C.2/52/L.32 (item 100)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals A/C.2/52/L.27 (item 97 (f)), A/C.2/52/L.30 (item 97 (f)) and A/C.2/52/L.31 (item 97 (h))

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.55 and Corr.1, L.56, L.57, L.58, L.60, L.66 and L.67

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.61 and L.63

3. Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)]

Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.64

4. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.49

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.44, L.46, L.47, L.48, L.51, L.52 and L.53

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [121] (A/52/30, A/52/439 and A/C.5/52/18)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [138]

Consideration of and action on draft decision A/C.5/52/L.8

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations: Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms (A/49/368 and Corr.1, A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/633 and A/51/674))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 and Chapter II, Parts I-XII))

* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2

Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism [152]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.24.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/52/L.9 and Corr.1, A/C.6/52/L.14 and A/C.6/52/L.8.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [149]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.10/Rev.1.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)
3. United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 21 November 1997

THE GROUP OF 77
(on the United Nations Reform)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.17, L.5, L.18, L.21 and L.25)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room S-3963

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

12 noon -1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the scale of assessments)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Room S-3963

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.2 and L.4)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the security of humanitarian personnel under agenda item 20 will be held *today*, 21 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 24 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 52nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of nineteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [16 (c)].

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/374);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.8).

3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/270, A/52/443).

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/297, A/52/341, A/52/433, A/52/434, A/52/500, A/52/525, A/52/532, A/52/535, A/52/562, A/52/563, A/52/568, A/52/678);

      (ii) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.14, L.16).

   (d) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/159).

   (e) Participation of volunteers, ' White Helmets', in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/586);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.32*).

   (f) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/537);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.33*).

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* To be issued.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin consideration of the remaining items on its agenda, namely, item 86 (United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and item 87 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) during the week of 24 November 1997. The deadline for submission of draft proposals relating to these items is Monday, 24 November, at 6 p.m.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda items 86 and 87 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-3380, tel.: 963-9223).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 25 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

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Special event

H. E. Mr. Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, will deliver UNFPA's Seventh Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture, on the theme "It Can Be Done ... Population Management through People Empowerment and Consensus-Building", on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period. All member of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Human rights questions [112]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Liberia, India, Cuba, Liechtenstein, Pakistan, Israel, South Africa, Andorra and Togo.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

43rd meeting

Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.5 and L.43

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division made a statement in connection with the statement of programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/52/L.43.

Following a statement by the representative of the United States, the Committee agreed to postpone action on the draft resolution to a later date.

Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.42

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopt the draft resolution, without a vote.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.40/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Costa Rica and Guatemala joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 109.

The right of peoples to self-determination [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.41

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Guinea and Guinea-Bissau joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The representative of Israel spoke in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 141 to 2 with 7 abstentions.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Norway and the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke in explanation of vote after the vote.

A statement was made by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 111.

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.36

The Committee was informed that action on the draft resolution was postponed.

Human rights questions [112]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the Sudan, Yemen, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Greece.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made concluding remarks.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Algeria, Israel, Iraq, the Sudan, Turkey, Cyprus and Greece.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed delegations of the organization of work for the remainder of the week.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 32nd and 33rd meetings

The Chairman of the Host Country Committee, Ambassador Sotirious Zackheous of Cyprus introduced the Committee's report (A/52/26).

The representative of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Malaysia, Brazil, the Russian Federation, Belarus, Cuba and the United States made statements.

Ambassador Moushoutas of Cyprus introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.10.

It was announced that Bulgaria had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.10.

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [150]

Mr. Rolf Welberts (Germany), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.16.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of the Sudan spoke.

Draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.16 was adopted without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 150.

Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property [144]

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.18.

Draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.18 was adopted without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 144.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its 49th session [147]

The representative of India, introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (Russian only).

The Chairman of the Committee drew attention to document A/C.6/52/L.20 containing programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

A separate vote was requested on paragraphs 10 and 11 of the draft resolution. Paragraphs 10 and 11 were adopted by a vote of 76 in favour, one against and 9 abstentions.

The representatives of New Zealand, the United States, Malaysia, Turkey, Tunisia, Ukraine, Viet Nam, Canada, the United Kingdom, Portugal, Argentina and Zambia spoke.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (Russian only) as a whole, without a vote.

The representatives of Mexico and Cuba explained their position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representatives of Ukraine and India spoke.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 147.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [145]

It was announced that Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Niger, Trinidad and Tobago and Ukraine had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.17 and Corr.1.

Draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.17 and Corr.1 was adopted without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 145.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

It was announced that Brazil had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52.L.9.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [152]

The representatives of Canada, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nigeria, the Sudan, China, Lebanon, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Costa Rica, Australia, Sri Lanka, Germany, Iraq, Algeria, Netherlands, Japan, Brazil, Austria, Venezuela, India, the United Kingdom, Italy, the Czech Republic, the United States, Tunisia, Uruguay, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia, Finland, Norway, Greece, Argentina, Sweden, France, Chile, Spain, Guinea, Nigeria, Egypt, Jordan and the observers for the Holy See and Switzerland spoke in connection with draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.13* and Corr.1 (French only).

The representative of Pakistan did not press for a decision on amendments to draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.13* and Corr.1 (French only) contained in document A/C.6/52/L.19.

The representatives of Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, the Syrian Arab Republic and China explained their position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.13* and Corr.1 was adopted without a vote.

The representatives of Algeria, New Zealand, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Canada, Lebanon, Japan, South Africa, India, Turkey and Jamaica explained their position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representatives of Israel, the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon spoke in exercise of the right of reply.

The representatives of Cuba and the United States spoke.

The Chairman made a statement.

Thursday, 20 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

50th plenary meeting

Statements on the occasion of the eighth African Industrialization Day

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statement on the occasion of Universal Children's Day

The President made a statement.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/110) [17 (j)]

Since, from among the Latin American and Caribbean States, there were two candidates for one vacancy, the General Assembly proceeded to select by secret ballot one State from the Latin American and Caribbean States that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, would propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

On the first round of balloting Colombia was selected to propose a candidate.

The President announced that he would propose a candidate to the General Assembly for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit after holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (j) of agenda item 17.

Towards a culture of peace: draft resolution (A/52/L.4/Rev.1) [156]

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.4/Rev.1.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.4/Rev.1 (resolution 52/13).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Estonia, Norway and Poland) and Japan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 156.

Universal Congress of the Panama Canal: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/435 and Corr.1) [28]

The representative of Panama made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 28.

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [32]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/462)

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.24/Rev.1)

The representative of South Africa made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.24.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Benin, Nigeria and Brazil.

By 157 votes in favour to 0 against, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.24/Rev.1 (resolution 52/14).

The representative of France made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 32.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolutions (A/52/L.15, L.18, L.21 and L.22) [12]

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.15.

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.18.

The representative of Japan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.22.

On the proposal of the representative of Japan, the General Assembly decided not to take action on draft resolution A/52/L.21.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/52/L.15, L.18 and L.22 (resolution 52/15, 52/16 and 52/17).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

The General Assembly was informed that the consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 17 (Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal) was postponed to a later date to be announced.

(a) *Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/670)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/52/670), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on the Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Ioan Barac, Mr. Hasan Jawarneh, Mr. Mahamane Amadou Maiga, Mr. E. Besley Maycock and Mr. C. S. M. Mselle.

(b) *Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/671)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/671), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Uldis Blukis, Mr. David Etuket, Mr. Ihor V. Humenny, Mr. David Leis, Mr. Prakash Shah and Mr. Kazuo Watanabe.

(c) *Appoinment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/672)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/52/672), appointed the Comptroller and Auditor-General of the United Kingdom as a member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1998.

(d) *Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/673)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/52/673), confirmed the appoinment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investment Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Ahmad Abullatif, Mr. Fernando Chico Pardo and Mr. J. Y. Pillay.

(f) *Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/675)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/52/675), appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Mario Bettati, Mr. Joao Augusto de Medicis, Ms. Lucretia Myers, Mr. Alexis Stephanou and Mr. Ku Tashiro.

The Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in the same paragraph, also appointed Mr. Alexei Fedotov to fill the remainder of a four-year term of office expiring on 31 December 2000.

(g) *Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/676)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/52/676), appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Tadanori Inomata, Mr. Gerhard Kuntzle, Mr.

Vladimir V. Kutznetsov, Mr. Philip Richard Okanda Owade, Mr. Carlos Dante Riva and Ms. Susan Shearouse.

The Assembly was informed that the Fifth Committee had decided to postpone to a later date the remaining two appointments, from the group of African States and the group of Asian States, respectively.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (a), (b), (c), (d) and (f) of agenda item 17.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 17.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [34]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/313)

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.20)

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/52/L.20.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/2 of 13 October 1993, the Secretary-General of the Economic Co-operation Organization made a statement.

On the proposal of the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/52/L.20, action on draft resolution A/52/L.20 was postponed to the following morning.

Programme of work

The President informed members that the General Assembly would consider agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) on Monday, 24 November in the morning, together with its sub-items, with exception of sub-item (c) (Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan). The President further informed members that sub-item (c) would be considered together with agenda item 43 (The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security) at a later date.

The President, in view of the large number of draft resolutions expected under agenda item 20 and of the possible need to hold consultations on them, with a view to reaching a consensus, urged members to submit those draft resolutions as soon as possible, and in any event, not later than Monday, 1 December.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.27

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Bangladesh introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Canada, Chile, Indonesia, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Samoa, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Uganda and the United States.

THIRD COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.49

The representative of Poland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Israel, Liechtenstein, and the Republic of Moldova, introduced the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.44

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mali, Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.45

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Chile, Greece, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, the Federated States of Micronesia, Mongolia, Panama, the Philippines, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Solomon Islands and Uzbekistan, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.46

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.47

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.48

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Czech Republic, Liechtenstein, Mauritius, Norway and Slovenia, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.51

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Liechtenstein and Romania, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.52

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Czech Republic, Liechtenstein and Romania, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.53

The representative of Brazil, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Mongolia and Samoa, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.54

The representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Jamaica was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 1997

315th and 316th (closed) meetings

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items in closed session.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 1997

33rd and 34th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Iraq (E/1994/104/Add.9).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons), adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention at its 8th plenary meeting on 13 October 1995

Acceptance: Liechtenstein (19 November 1997)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and other Devices as Amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as Amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties at Geneva on 3 May 1996

Acceptance: Liechtenstein (19 November 1997)*

Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, concluded at Helsinki on 17 March 1992

Accession: Liechtenstein (19 November 1997)*

Convention on Biological Diversity, opened for signature at Rio de Janeiro on 5 June 1992

Ratification: Liechtenstein (19 November 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The main Delegates' Dining-room and private dining rooms will be closed from 23 to 28 November 1997, due to renovations. The Delegates Dining-room buffet service will be available in the West Terrace from 23 to 26 November 1997. Reservations are recommended. No services will be available in the Delegates' Dining Room complex on Friday, 28 November 1997. The Staff Cafe and Cafeteria will be open during that period. All catering facilities will be closed on Thursday, 27 November 1997, Thanksgiving Day.

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Forum

The United Nations World Television Forum, "Television in the New Multimedia Environment", concludes *today*, 21 November 1997 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Organized by the Department of Public Information and co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Radiotelevisione Italiana (RAI) and Mediaset. At 10 a.m., a panel on "New Challenges for International Cooperation" will be moderated by Hassan Hamed, President, Union des Radiodiffusions et Télévisions Nationales d'Afrique (URTNA). In observance of World Television Day, 21 November, there will be a video link with opera star Luciano Pavarotti in Italy. Closing remarks will be made by the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations, Ambassador Francesco Paolo Fulci, and by the Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information, Samir Sanbar. The Forum concludes at 1 p.m. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited media are invited to attend.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) will hold the second set of off-site Internet training course until Monday, 24 November 1997. The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 22 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Briefing by Ambassador Richard Butler, Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) (i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Other matters

Monday, 24 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Haiti (S/1997/832 and Add.1)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	52nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	53rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/52/250/Add.1) [8].

2. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of nineteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [16 (c)].

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/374);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.8).

4. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/270, A/52/443).

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/297, A/52/341, A/52/433, A/52/434, A/52/500, A/52/525, A/52/532, A/52/535, A/52/562, A/52/563, A/52/568, A/52/678);

      (ii) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.14, L.16, L.34, L.36, L.37).

   (d) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/159).

   (e) Participation of volunteers, ' White Helmets', in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/586);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.32).

   (f) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/537);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.33).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [86] (A/52/13 and Add.1, A/52/311, A/52/372, A/52/415, A/52/423, A/52/503, A/52/ 578)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft proposal A/C.2/52/L.29 (item 98 (g))

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.59, L.66 and L.67

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.62, L.65, L.68, L.71, L.72 and L.73

3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.50, L.55 and Corr.1, L.57 and L.60

4. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.63

5. Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.64

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 119 (Pattern of conferences (A/52/32 and Corr.1 (Chinese only) and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1)) and 153 (Human resources management (A/ 52/438, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/52/7, paras. 107 to 112, A/C.5/52/2 and A/52/574))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment for the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/11 and Corr.1-2))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Extension of the premises of the International Court of Justice

2. Office accommodation at the Palais Wilson

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 24 November 1997

AFRICAN GROUP: COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED NATIONS REFORM

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77
(at the ambassadorial level)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing by the Coordinators on the current resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on "The right to development" (Third Committee) on Monday, 24 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Director-General of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, Mr. Serhiy Parashyn (Ukraine), on Monday, 24 November 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.40 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). All interested are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti (UNTMIH) will be held on Monday, 24 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 54th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/52/L.23/Rev.1) [24].

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [40]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/450);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.38);

   (c) Amendment (A/52/L.39).

3. Multilingualism [23]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/577);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.35).

4. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [27]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/211);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.12).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 1997, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend.

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Monday, 1 December, to Friday, 5 December 1997 at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 1 December, to Sunday, 7 December 1997.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 1997, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 25 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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A Special International Donor Meeting on Chernobyl will be held on Tuesday, 25 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Special event

H. E. Mr. Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, will deliver UNFPA's Seventh Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture, on the theme "It Can Be Done ... Population Management through People Empowerment and Consensus-Building", on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period. All member of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 21 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3835th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/1997/884)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1997/904, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/904).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/904) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1139 (1997).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/53).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

51st plenary meeting

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [38]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/513);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.28)

The President made a statement.

The representative of Romania made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.28.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), Zambia, Germany, Swaziland, Hungary, Nicaragua (also on behalf of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama), the Philippines, Mongolia, Guyana, Argentina, Ukraine, Benin, Andorra, India, Italy, the United States, South Africa, the Republic of Korea and the Gambia.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.28 (resolution 52/18).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 38.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/52/L.20/Rev.1) [34]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 34.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.20/Rev.1 (resolution 52/19).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 34.

GENERAL COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Jamaica (A/52/233 and Add.1) [8]

The representative of Jamaica, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning her request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Admission of the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund"(A/52/233 and Add.1).

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the additional item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-second session and that it should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 45th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.50

The representative of Portugal, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Angola, Belgium, Chile, Iceland, the Netherlands, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Korea, Samoa and the United Kingdom, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.55 and Corr.1

The representative of Namibia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Belarus, Botswana, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, the Republic of Korea, the Sudan and Swaziland, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.56

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Albania, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.57

The representative of Cuba, also on behalf of Bangladesh, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.58

The representative of Turkey, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Philippines, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Colombia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.60

The representative of India, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Bangladesh, Chile, Colombia, Cameroon, the Czech Republic, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Italy, Mali, the Philippines, Portugal, Slovenia, South Africa, Thailand and the United States, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Niger, El Salvador, Benin, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Ethiopia, Israel, Panama, Guatemala, Togo, Guinea-Bissau and Argentina joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.61

The representative of Albania, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Djibouti and Poland introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.63

The representative of Sweden, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Slovakia, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

(d) *Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.64

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Belgium, Croatia, Malaysia, Poland, the Republic of Korea and Samoa, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bahamas, Bolivia, El Salvador, Finland, Pakistan, Panama, South Africa, Spain and Sweden joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Albania, Australia, Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Denmark, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Paraguay, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova and Turkmenistan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Benin, Cameroon, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Solomon Islands and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.44

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Equatorial Guinea had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cameroon and Niger joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Luxembourg, on behalf of the European Union and Lithuania.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 78 to 56, with 11 abstentions.

The representative of Costa Rica spoke in explanation of vote after the vote.

A statement was made by the representative of Iraq.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.46

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 74 to 46, with 26 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of Iraq.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.47

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 75 to 1, with 76 abstentions.

The representatives of Mexico and Chile made statements in explanation of the vote after the vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.48

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Costa Rica, India, Israel, Poland and the United States had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cameroon, Croatia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mali, Nicaragua, Slovakia, South Africa and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.51

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Bangladesh, India and Poland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, El Salvador, Nicaragua and the Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution as orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.52

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Bangladesh, France, Morocco and Poland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cameroon, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Israel, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, the Russian Federation, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and the United Kingdom, joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.53

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Bangladesh, Mali and Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Barbados, Benin, Ethiopia, Ireland, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nepal, Papua and New Guinea, Senegal, Slovakia and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

United Nations common system [121] *(A/52/30, A/52/439 and A/C.5/52/18)*

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, Norway, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Cyprus), the Philippines, Indonesia, Côte d' Ivoire and Egypt.

The representative of Poland also made a statement.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [138]

Draft decision A/C.5/52/L.8

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Deputy Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division responded to a question posed.

The representative of Algeria made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Organization of work

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.50 being considered by the Third Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Côte d'Ivoire.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to a question posed.

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the programme of work for the week of 24-28 November.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening the Role of the Organization [151]

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.9 and Corr.1.

Finland and Ukraine joined the list of co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/6.2/52/L.9 and Corr.1, without a vote.

The representative of South Africa introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.14.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.14 without a vote.

The representative of Lebanon explained the position of his delegation after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representative of Portugal made a statement in connection with draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.8, which had been recommended to the Sixth Committee by the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.8 without a vote.

The representatives of Israel and Lebanon explained the position of their delegations after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 151.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [152]

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.24, which combined A/C.6/52/L.21 submitted by Sri Lanka and draft decision A/C.6/52/L.22 submitted by the Russian Federation.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.24 without a vote.

The representatives of Lebanon, Pakistan and Israel explained the position of their delegations before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representatives of Egypt and the United States spoke.

The representatives of Norway, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Sweden and India explained the position of their delegations after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 152.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [149]

The representative of Cyprus reported on the result of informal consultations in connection with draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.10/Rev.1 and the amendments to it submitted by Cuba contained in document A/C.6/52/L.23.

Spain joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.10/Rev.1.

The representative of Cuba orally amended paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.10/Rev.1.

The representatives of Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Cyprus, Canada, the Netherlands, Costa Rica, Brazil, Honduras, Lebanon, the United Kingdom, Venezuela and Côte d'Ivoire spoke.

The representatives of the Russian Federation, Costa Rica and Germany explained the vote of their delegations before the adoption of the amendment.

The oral amendment by Cuba to paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.10/Rev.1 was adopted in a recorded vote of 42 votes against 20, with 48 abstentions.

The delegation of Zimbabwe stated that it had intended to vote in favour of the amendment.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.10/Rev.1, as orally amended, by 120 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

The representative of the Netherlands explained the vote of his delegation after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 149.

Closure of the session

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 1997

317th meeting

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items in closed session.

Closure of the session

The Chairman declared the nineteenth session of the Committee closed.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 1997

35th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Iraq (E/1994/104/Add.9).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The main Delegates' Dining-room and private dining rooms will be closed until 28 November 1997, due to renovations. The Delegates Dining-room buffet service will be available in the West Terrace until 26 November 1997. Reservations are recommended. No services will be available in the Delegates' Dining Room complex on Friday, 28 November 1997. The Staff Cafe and Cafeteria will be open during that period. All catering facilities will be closed on Thursday, 27 November 1997, Thanksgiving Day.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) will hold the second set of off-site Internet training course until Monday, 24 November 1997. The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Lesotho
Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela

Asian States:
Uzbekistan
H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov

Eastern European States:
Belarus
H.E. Mr. Alyaksandr Sychou

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Antigua and Barbuda
H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis

Western European and Other States:
Malta
H.E. Mr. George Saliba

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	54th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
Afternoon*	55th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/52/L.23/Rev.1) [24].

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [40]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/450);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.38);

   (c) Amendment (A/52/L.39).

3. Multilingualism [23]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/577);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.35).

4. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [27]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/211);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.12).

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations.

OPEN-ENDED HIGH-LEVEL WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

3 p.m. 1st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Election of Vice-Chairmen

Statement by the Secretary-General

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are requested to contact Ms. Alejandro (ext. 3-2633).]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 4

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 4

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israel Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [87] (A/52/131 and Add.1 and 2, A/52/550, A/52/551, A/52/552, A/52/553, A/C.4/52/L.17 to L.21)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Progress reports by the coordinators on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.2 and L.4 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/52/L.23 and L.24 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (d)), A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b)) and A/C.2/52/L.5 (item 99 (a))

THIRD COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m. 47th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 48th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

   Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.69 and L.70*

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.5 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/52/L.43

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.31/Rev.1 and L.38/Rev.1 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/52/L.74

4. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.36/Rev.1

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.45, L.56, L. 57, L.58, L.59, L.66, L.67, L.68 and L.76

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.54, L.61, L.62, L.65, L.71, L.72, L.73 and L.75

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II, Parts I-XII, A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15 and A/C.5/52/20))

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Pattern of conferences (A/52/32 and Corr.1 (Chinese only) and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ)

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), scheduled for *today*, 25 November 1997, has been cancelled. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 25 November 1997

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: WORKING GROUP ON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77 *(reform)*

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on the financial situation of the United Nations)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft proposal A/C.2/52/L.23)

1.30 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS REFORM AND ON THE INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing by the Coordinators on the current resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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A Special International Donor Meeting on Chernobyl will be held *today*, 25 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP) will be held *today*, 25 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 26 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Morning* 56th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (a)].

2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/52/L.25) [46].

3. Oceans and the law of the sea [39]:

   (a) Law of the sea:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/487, A/52/491);

      (ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/52/260;

      (iii) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.26, L.27).

   (b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/555);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.29).

   (c) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General A/52/557);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.30).

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AND INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The organizational meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council chaired by the President of the General Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to appoint Vice-Chairmen of the Working Group.

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

The 15th meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to exchange views on the recommendations contained in paras. 43, 44, 48, 85, 89 and 91 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950).

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The 233rd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 28 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 1997, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend.

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Monday, 1 December, to Friday, 5 December 1997 at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 1 December, to Sunday, 7 December 1997.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 1997, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

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Special event

H. E. Mr. Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, will deliver UNFPA's Seventh Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture, on the theme "It Can Be Done ... Population Management through People Empowerment and Consensus-Building", on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period. All member of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

In the context of the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/1997/46) adopted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Security Council on Africa on 25 September 1997, and the 1 November 1995 report of the Secretary-General on Improving Preparedness for Conflict Prevention and Peacekeeping in Africa (S/1995/911-A/50/711), the Secretariat is convening a meeting on enhancing African capacity for peacekeeping. The meeting, which is open to all interested Member States and will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, will be held on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 24 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

52nd plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/52/250/Add.1) [8]

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the item entitled "Admission of the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund" in the agenda of the current session and that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of nineteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [16 (c)]

Since the number of candidates from among the African States, the Asian States, the Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to or did not exceed the number of seats allocated to each of these regions, with Argentina and Uruguay alternating on an annual basis, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Fiji, Honduras, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Paraguay, the Sudan, Thailand and Uganda were declared elected members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term beginning on 1 June 1998. Argentina and Uruguay were declared elected to alternate representation on an annual basis, starting with Argentina on 1 June 1998.

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required majority and the greatest number of votes, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Romania, Spain and the United States were elected members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term beginning on 1 June 1998.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 16.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/374);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.8)

The representative of Zimbabwe made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.8.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Swaziland, Japan, Argentina, Ethiopia, Malawi, Norway, Benin and Tunisia.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.8 (resolution 52/20).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 42.

Programme of work

In accordance with paragraph 7 of its resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to authorize the High Level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations and the Open-ended Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council to meet during the main part of its fifty-second session.

53rd plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/443)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/297, A/52/341, A/52/433, A/52/434, A/52/500, A/52/525, A/52/532, A/52/535, A/52/562, A/52/563, A/52/568, A/52/678);

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.14, L.16, L.34, L.36, L. 37)

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/159)

(e) Participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development:

(i) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/586);*

(ii) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.32)*

(f) *Strengthening of the international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster:*

(i) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/537);*

(ii) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.33)*

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.32.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.33.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Japan, Norway, China, Bulgaria, Uruguay, Canada, Bolivia, the United States, Lebanon, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia , the United Arab Emirates, India, Belarus, Iraq, Tajikistan, Egypt and Liberia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier by the General Assembly at the meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

The Assembly was informed that draft resolutions submitted or to be submitted under agenda item 20 would be taken at a later date to be announced.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 21st meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [86]

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) introduced his report (A/52/13).

The representative of Norway, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/52/578).

The general debate began with statements by the representatives of Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg (also on behalf of the European Union an the following associated countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Egypt, Malaysia, Turkey, Canada, Israel and the United States.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Statements were also made by the observers of the Holy See, the League of Arab States and Switzerland.

The observer for Palestine and the representative of Israel made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 12 noon the same day.

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its general debate on agenda item 86 and heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Malta, Japan, Saudi Arabia, China, Australia, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Tunisia, Norway, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Colombia.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 46th meeting

Human rights questions [112]:

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.59

The representative of Canada introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Iceland, Japan and Norway.

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/52/L.66 and L.67

The representative of Colombia introduced the draft resolutions on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.68

The representative of Australia introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Costa Rica, Denmark, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Norway.

Draft decision A/C.3/52/L.76

The Committee's attention was drawn to the draft decision, which had been submitted by the Chairman.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.69

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement with regard to the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.62

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Australia, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland and the United Kingdom.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.65

The representative of Canada introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.71

The representative of Luxembourg introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Costa Rica, Lithuania, the Marshall Islands and Poland.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.72

The representative of Luxembourg introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Costa Rica, Lithuania and the Marshall Islands.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.73

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.50

The Chairman made a statement with regard to the draft resolution and informed the Committee that it contained no programme budget implications.

El Salvador, Israel, Panama, Swaziland, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the Sudan.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.55 and Corr.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Afghanistan, Benin, Cameroon, Croatia, Ethiopia, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mali, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, the Solomon Islands, Suriname, The former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.60

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been made to the draft resolution.

The representative of Swaziland made a statement.

Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Croatia, the Federated States of Micronesia, Poland, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, the Sudan and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of India, who orally corrected the draft resolution and Mexico, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been made to the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that Canada was not a sponsor of the draft resolution.

Australia, Costa Rica, France, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar, the Russian Federation, Swaziland, the United States, Cuba, Sweden and China.

Following a suspension of the meeting, the representative of Sweden further orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the Netherlands, Singapore and Japan.

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.64

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been made to the draft resolution.

The representative of Austria further orally revised the draft resolution.

Andorra, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Canada, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, the Marshall Islands, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Suriname and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Organization of work

The Chairman advised the Committee that action would be taken at its next meetings on all outstanding draft resolutions which had heretofore been introduced.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 1997

36th and 37th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of the United Kingdom (E/1994/104/Add.11).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature at Paris on 13 January 1993

Ratification: Nepal (18 November 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The main Delegates' Dining-room and private dining rooms will be closed until 28 November 1997, due to renovations. The Delegates Dining-room buffet service will be available in the West Terrace until 26 November 1997. Reservations are recommended. No services will be available in the Delegates' Dining Room complex on Friday, 28 November 1997. The Staff Cafe and Cafeteria will be open during that period. All catering facilities will be closed on Thursday, 27 November 1997, Thanksgiving Day.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 25 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 26 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

UNPREDEP (S/1997/911 and Add.1)

Haiti (S/1997/832 and Add.1)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Morning*	56th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (a)].

2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/52/L.25) [46].

3. Oceans and the law of the sea [39]:

   (a) Law of the sea:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/487, A/52/491);

      (ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/52/260);

      (iii) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.26, L.27).

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council.

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/555);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.29).

(c) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General A/52/557);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.30).

3 p.m. 57th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [39]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/487, A/52/491);

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/52/260);

(iii) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.26, L.27).

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/555);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.29).

(c) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General A/52/557);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.30).

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

3 p.m. 15th meeting (closed) Conference Room 4

Exchange of views on the recommendations contained in paras. 43, 44, 48, 85, 89 and 91 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950).

Informal consultations

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

10 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria)

OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AND INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Organizational meeting

10 a.m.	1st meeting (closed)	General Assembly Hall

Appointment of Vice-Chairmen

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia [94]
2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [87] (A/52/131 and Add.1-2, A/52/550, A/52/551, A/52/552, A/52/553, A/C.4/52/L.17 to L.21)

   General debate
3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [86] (A/52/13 and Add.1, A/52/311, A/52/372, A/52/415, A/52/423, A/52/503, A/52/578, A/C.4/52/L.10* to L.16)

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Progress reports by the coordinators on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.10 (item 97 (i)), A/C.2/52/L.14 (item 97 (d)), A/C.2/52/L.15 (item 97 (c)), A/C.2/52/L.22 (item 98 (b), A/C.2/52/L.17 (item 97 (g)) and A/C.2/52/L.30 (item 97 (f))

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.3 (item 95 (c)), A/C.2/52/L.4 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/52/L.7 and L.9 (item 99 (b)), A/C.2/52/L.16 (item 96 (a)), A/C.2/52/L.23 and L.26 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/52/L.28 (item 12) and A/C.2/52/L.32 (item 100)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.5 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/52/L.43
2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.31/Rev.1 and L.38/Rev.1 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/52/L.74
3. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.36/Rev.1

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.58, L.66/Rev.1, L.67 and L.68*

5. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.65, L.69/Rev.1, L.70 and L.75

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/52/L.77

7. Closure of the session

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3

United Nations common system [121] (A/52/30, A/52/439 and A/C.5/52/18)

Conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors: (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research and (c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.4, A/52/5/Add.5, A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518)), 118 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206 and A/52/267)) and 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Third party liability: temporal and financial limitations (A/C.5/52/L.7))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission will hold a briefing on the substantive issues contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 1997 following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee, *today*, 26 November 1997, in Conference Room 5.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 26 November 1997

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing by the Coordinators on the current resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Special event

H. E. Mr. Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, will deliver UNFPA's Seventh Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture, on the theme "It Can Be Done ... Population Management through People Empowerment and Consensus-Building", *today*, 26 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period. All member of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Division on Sustainable Development/DESA on the organization of the Expert Group Meeting on Strategic Approaches to Freshwater Management, to be hosted by the Government of Zimbabwe, in Harare, from 27-30 January 1998, *today*, 26 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 27 November 1997

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Thursday, 17 November 1997, *Thanksgiving Day.*]

Friday, 28 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.*	45th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* The Committee will take action on draft resolution A/C.2/L.6/Rev.1 and all other draft resolutions finalized in informal consultations.

** Immediately following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Tuesday, 2 and Thursday, 4 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Executive briefing

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will address the Second Committee on the question of the implementation of the Agenda for Development in a renewed United Nations system. The briefing will take place on Monday, 1 December 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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The 233rd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 28 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 1997, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with the

provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend.

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Monday, 1 December, to Friday, 5 December 1997 at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 1 December, to Sunday, 7 December 1997.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 1997, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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The 54th meeting of the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court will take place on Monday, 1 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5. The Working Group on international cooperation and judicial assistance will meet in the morning in Conference Room 1, following the adjournment of the 54th meeting of the Preparatory Committee. The Working Group on general principles of criminal law will meet at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

In the context of the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/1997/46) adopted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Security Council on Africa on 25 September 1997, and the 1 November 1995 report of the Secretary-General on Improving Preparedness for Conflict Prevention and Peacekeeping in Africa (S/1995/911-A/50/711), the Secretariat is convening a meeting on enhancing African capacity for peacekeeping. The meeting, which is open to all interested Member States and will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, will be held on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

54th plenary meeting

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/52/L.23/Rev.1) [24]

The representative of Japan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/52/L.23/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, Cyprus, Monaco, Maldives, San Marino, the United States, the United Arab Emirates, Italy, Guyana, Andorra, Australia and Viet Nam.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.23/Rev.1 (resolution 52/21).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its considerations of agenda item 24.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [40]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/450)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.38)*

(c) *Amendment (A/52/L.39)*

The representative of Denmark made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.38.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment contained in document A/52/L.39.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Lithuania, Liechtenstein, Poland, Norway, Malta, Albania, Slovenia and Armenia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/5 of 13 October 1993, the Secretary-General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe made a statement.

55th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [40]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/450)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.38)*

(c) *Amendment (A/52/L.39)*

The representative of Armenia moved on a point of order, under rule 74 of the rules of procedure, that no action be taken with respect to the amendment (A/52/L.39).

The representative of Azerbaijan spoke against the motion.

By 1 vote to 29, with 81 abstentions (recorded vote), the motion for no action was not adopted.

In accordance with rule 90 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly proceeded to vote on the amendment (A/52/L.39).

By 104 votes to 1, with 17 abstentions (recorded vote), the amendment contained in document A/52/L.39 was adopted.

The Assembly then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/52/L.38 as amended.

By 126 votes to none, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.38 as amended (resolution 52/22).

Statements in explanation of the vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Belarus, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Armenia and Swaziland.

The representative of Estonia made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 40.

Multilingualism [23]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/577)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.35)*

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.35.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, Andorra, Tunisia, Mexico and Benin.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.35 (resolution 52/23).

Statements in explanation of the vote were made by the representatives Japan and Thailand.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 23.

Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [27]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/211)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.12)*

The Vice-President made a statement on behalf of the President.

The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.12.

Statements were made by the representative of Ukraine, Myanmar, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Greece, the Marshall Islands, Iraq, the Republic of Korea, Cyprus and Peru.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The representative of Swaziland made a statement in explanation of the vote before the vote.

By 87 votes to none, with 23 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.12 (resolution 52/24).

The representative of Kuwait made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 27.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 23rd meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [87]

The Chairman drew attention to the basic documentation relating to the item (A/52/131 and Add.1 and 2, A/52/550 to 553) as well as to a number of communications relating to the item.

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report of the Committee (A/52/131).

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Luxembourg (also on behalf of the European Union and the following associated countries-Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 1 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/52/L.10 to 21 relating to agenda items 86 and 87, respectively.

The Committee decided, on the suggestion of the Chairman, to take action on all the draft resolutions relating to agenda items 86 and 87 at its meeting to be held in the morning on Wednesday, 26 November.

24th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [87]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, the United States, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Tunisia and the Sudan.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Lebanon.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Human rights questions [112]:

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.69**

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Austria, Norway and Poland.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.70

The representative of Luxembourg introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as the Marshall Islands.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.36/Rev.1

Following a statement by the representative of Canada, the Committee agreed to postpone consideration of the revised draft resolution.

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.45

The Committee was informed that draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Albania, Bangladesh, Benin, Mauritius, New Zealand, Poland, the Russian Federation, Samoa, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 127 to none, with 16 abstentions.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement regarding his vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.56

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Tajikistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.57

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 89 to 3, with 52 abstentions.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement regarding his vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been made to the draft resolution.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Sweden and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of the Russian Federation, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of India made a statement.

Action on draft decision A/C.3/52/L.76

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.54

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Australia and Iceland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of Haiti made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.61

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications and that Poland was not a sponsor.

The representative of the Russian Federation requested a vote on the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Yemen and the Russian Federation, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 97 to 3, with 47 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Peru, Bulgaria and Venezuela.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.62

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Portugal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of the Sudan, Turkmenistan and Egypt, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 91 to 15, with 43 abstentions.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.71

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Bulgaria and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of Kuwait and Iraq, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 94 to 2, with 51 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.72

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Bulgaria joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Algeria, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Jordan, the Sudan, Mauritania, Lebanon, Qatar and Morocco, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 68 to 27, with 49 abstentions.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.73

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Following statements by the representatives of Cuba and the Russian Federation, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 60 to 23, with 64 abstentions.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

Right of reply

The representative of Kuwait made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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38th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of the United Kingdom (E/1994/104/Add.11).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

39th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Azerbaijan (E/1990/5/Add.30).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946

Accession: Latvia (21 November 1997)*

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.735 (18) of 4 November 1993

Acceptance: France, Syrian Arab Republic (18 November 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, concluded at Basel on 22 March 1989

Ratification: Thailand (24 November 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The main Delegates' Dining-room and private dining rooms will be closed until 28 November 1997, due to renovations. The Delegates Dining-room buffet service will be available in the West Terrace until *today*, 26 November 1997. Reservations are recommended. No services will be available in the Delegates' Dining Room complex on Friday, 28 November 1997. The Staff Cafe and Cafeteria will be open during that period. All catering facilities will be closed on Thursday, 27 November 1997, Thanksgiving Day.

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